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TODD LECTURE DATE CHANGED TO APRIL 21

Due to conflicting engagements in the schedule of Bradford Washburn, the date of the Todd Lecture has been changed. According to a communication received from the Department of Education, the lecture will be held on Monday, April 21, instead of May 7, as originally planned.

Mr. Washburn, Director of the New England Museum of Natural History in Boston, is famous for his Alaskan explorations. It is believed that these explorations will form the basis for his lecture.

Dr. Herlihy has appointed Mrs. Simmons chairman of the committee to make arrangements for Mr. Washburn's appearance. She is being assisted by Mr. Conlon and Miss Fisk.

'PIRATES' HAS MANY TANTALIZING TUNES

Those tantalizing snatches of the catchy tunes from the "Pirates", that you have been hearing will soon be completed, and the songs will then live in your memory.

Around the campus it is a common occurrence to hear a member of the cast to break forth into a selection he has memorized and especially likes. Very few people can attend a Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta without going away humming a part they liked. Young and old find appeal in the sometimes gusty, then romantic, then militant,

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1941-1942 Council Takes Office At Co-op Association Meeting



NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS

Left to right: Bob Patch, Dick Bejune, Jim Amsler, Al Shinner

F.T.C. DELEGATES FIND N.Y. MEETING HELPFUL

Tauno Tamminen, president of the Student Cooperative Association this past year, Claire Andrews, its senior representative, and Dorothy Conroy and Ralph Gray, junior representatives from the student body, attended the Sixteenth Annual Spring Conference of the Eastern-State Association of Professional Schools for Teachers, held in

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ASSUMES DUTIES FOR COMING SCHOOL TERM

The newly-elected Student Co-operative Association officers and class representatives to serve on the council for the coming year were inducted into office in a special assembly Wednesday morning.

The meeting was opened by a short talk by the retiring president, Tauno Tamminen, who presented the gavel to the new president, Robert Patch. Mr. Patch delivered a speech of acceptance and in turn introduced the new members of the council, after which Dr. Herlihy spoke.

Joseph Lonergan sang several selections at the opening of the assembly.

ASTRONOMY CLUB BUSY FORMING CONSTITUTION

The Astronomy Society has been holding regular meetings, every Tuesday in Mr. Sullivan's room, and is at present drawing

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SENIOR PROM TO BE HELD AT VESPER C.C.

The Vesper Country Club will be the scene of the Senior Prom sponsored by the class of '41. The prom will be held Friday night, May 16. The club is situated on an island in the Merrimac River. Milo Galbraith is general chairman in charge of the affair.

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Editorial . .

Fitchburg Teachers College is not the perfect college. There is room for improvement in the curriculum perhaps. The standards which have been raised greatly in the past few years could well be brought even higher—much higher. Our professional preparation can hardly be said to be the best to be found anywhere. But in proportion to the equipment and funds which are at the college's command, and in comparison to the average teachers college, we students of Fitchburg should be proud of the professional training which our Alma Mater gives us.

There is no room here for the apologist. Even if this college were the lowest-ranking school in the country, the apologist would have no place here; for he adds nothing to the attractiveness of a college and serves only to break down the morale and instill a defeatist attitude among all connected with the institution. Speaking without bias or prejudice, it may be said truthfully that Fitchburg is close to the top of the scale—closer than most of us realize. Ask anyone who has had much contact with other teachers colleges; ask those who have just returned from the Eastern-State conference, for instance. They will tell you that Fitchburg has so much in the way of liberal education and professional preparation which countless other teachers colleges lack that we should be thankful that we can count ourselves among her students.

Let's stop apologizing for something which demands no apology. When you hear an apologist telling in glowing terms of Fitchburg's shortcomings and wishing that he "could go to a good

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The Ash Tray

Spring is here and a young man's fancy turns to Nancy, or whatever her name is. The poor lad finds himself torn between passion and sense. Since the former supercedes the latter, we will try to offer a little helpful advice—How to Love in Six Easy Lessons.

Lesson One

First you must find a girl.

Lesson Two

Pretend to be very interested, but not serious. Tell her that girls are all alike—selfish and mercenary; that all they care about is a fellow with a car and money, and then dig up an example (imaginary, if necessary) of some girl who did you wrong when you were young. Quote some phrase of Shakespeare's about the wiles of women; this not only explains why you are so bitter toward the weaker sex, but it also shows that you are well educated. Then tell her that some time you hope to find a girl who is sympathetic, kind, and loving.

Lesson Three

Talk about the latest show, the Totem Pole, your Prom, etc., making her think you're quite a socialite. Find out if any of these appeal to her. If so, tell her you have a couple of tickets to the Totem Pole and would love to take her Thursday night, if she would go with you. Hasten to apologize for 'your' forwardness, but "Gee, when a girl is so pretty, a fellow can't help himself".

Lesson Four

You are now at the dance. Smile, joke, and listen to everything she says, no matter how stupid the conversation is. This is the crucial night. It must be one of supreme sacrifice and self-control. Watch your manners. Make her think that you are very well bred and a perfect gentleman. However, don't be effeminate. After the dance, watch your step. Don't go parking. You may try to kiss her goodnight; don't press the issue, but if she doesn't object, be obliging.

Lesson Five

This is the romantic night. Tell her how different she is from the average girl. Compare her beauty to the moon, the stars, the angels, etc. Let her know that she is your first love. Sling it as you have never slung it before.

Lesson Six

Her birthday is next week. Find another girl friend.

Campus Chatter

Campus Chatter would like to apologize to a group of charming young ladies for any seemingly derogatory remarks which it has ever made. This group (I cannot disclose its name) is among the finest and fairest of all American womanhood. If you don't believe me, ask any one of them.

Wanted: A certain Senior male is looking for a partner to the Senior Prom. He is tall, rather dark, handsome, six feet in height, quiet, and about twenty years of age. Anyone interested get in touch with the feature editor of 'The Stick'. (This is on the level.)

Campus Chatter must be improving; Milo says it's getting worse each week.

Here and There: "You must love me, or you wouldn't be kissing me."

Signs of Spring on the Campus.

Hot air billowing from the Commuting Men's Rest Room.

The boys at the Spa looking at the clothing section of Esquire.

The recent development of that 'come hither' look in the eyes of the girls—and the equally recent 'I'm coming' look in the boys' eyes.

Ernie Pike with his locks shorn in favor of the Harvard clip.

And, on top of it all, we've seen a few robins!

The Spring has sprung

The sun has shun

The grass has riz.

I wonder where the flowers is.

Notices:

The commuting men have been holding political rallies noon times in the smoking room. These meetings are complete with speeches, cheers, handshakings,

FROSH PLAN CLASS PARTY NEXT MONTH

The freshmen suggested to take charge of all arrangements for the party which the class hopes to hold are: Gladys Lavin, Marilyn McLean, Marjorie Gilmore, Josephine Condon, Bert Hirtle, Gardner Sherman, Melvin Sibulkin, Donald Flathers, Arthur Lane, and John Magane. The site for the picnic has not as yet been chosen, but several places have been presented for decision. The party will probably be held sometime during the second or third week of May. Swimming, games, and contests are being planned, besides a big "hot dog roast".

and all the fixin's except cigars. (You are lucky if you can smoke your own cigarettes.) Boss Lalli is in charge.

The members of the Y. A. R. B. O. club request that the name of their club be kept from appearing in the Campus Chatter column. Furthermore, it is spelled Y. A. R. B. O.

Personal to Al Fuller—Who's your press agent? Consult the Fitchburg Sentinel of April 3.

Things I like: Bright spring daysSun on the Administration steps....Another set of steps.... 3:00 p. m. Friday....The finish on the frosh wood samplesME.

Did you ever hear the one about the fellow who was worried about where the sun went when it went down at night? So he stayed up all night trying to figure it out; then it dawned on him.

Things I don't like: Four o'clock classes....Clean saddle shoes... Pauze's pun...Mud...Gemma's singing at 6:45 Gemma's singing at any time...The thought that school is almost over.

T.C. LEAGUE STANDINGS, ALL-STARS ANNOUNCED

Representatives of the New England Teachers college athletic conference, meeting at Keene Teachers college, officially awarded the 1941 basketball championship to Hyannis Teachers College. Second place went to New Britain with Keene Teachers college in third position.

The final standings of the conference are as follows:

	W	L	Pct.
Hyannis T. C.	7	1	.777
New Britain T. C.	6	4	.600
Keene T. C.	6	5	.545
Fitchburg T. C.	4	4	.500
Farmington Normal	3	3	.500
Rhode Island T. C.	4	7	.364
Gorham Normal	1	4	.200
Salem T. C.	2	8	.200
*Arnold college	6	1	.857

*Arnold college was not eligible for championship consideration due to the fact that it had not met the conference requirements with regards to the number of different teams played.

The conference officials also announced the selection of the first and second All-Conference teams. Keene placed one man on the second team. The basketball squads from each college submitted an All-Opponent list of 10 players and choices for the All-Conference teams were made from these lists.

The two teams selected are as follows:

FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM
f. Sylvia, Arnold	f. Amsler, Fitchburg
f. Zaiac, N. Britain	f. Ricitelli, Arnold
c. Witham, Farm'ton	c. Brach, Keene
g. Sullivan, R.I.	g. Shumrak, Salem
g. Maki, Hyannis	g. Austin, Gorham

E P T SPONSORING PROJECT DISPLAYS

Epsilon Pi Tau is sponsoring the displays in the center window in the I. A. Building. Each week a separate display is planned. Last week three models of racing yachts, all made by Hubert Edmunds were shown. The largest, a five-foot model of a "VAN JH" class "A" racing yacht, was a beautiful job. These displays can be appreciated by Grammar-Masters and co-eds also as well as "I. A." men, so come over and see them, everybody! Who Knows, you may take a hobby back with you.

DEBATING CLUB ADDS TWO NEW MEMBERS

An interesting meeting of the College Debating Club was held in Mr. Harrington's room on Monday, April 7. Turo Hallfors, secretary of the club, presided over the meeting. Many constructive suggestions were offered by the members. As a result of this discussion, a committee was appointed to arrange a program for the club activities for the next school year (1941-1942). The members of this committee are: Thomas Moran, chairman; Raymond Farquhar, Charles Dacey, and Dave Scanlon.

Two new members were inducted into the club at this meeting. They are Charles Dacey and David Scanlon. Dacey, a Sophomore student, is a graduate of Classical High School, Worcester. Scanlon, the Freshman representative on the Student Council, is a graduate of Fitchburg High School.

Eastern-States Conference

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New York from the third to the fifth of April.

Besides participating in the panel discussion, "How may we adequately finance a well-balanced program of student activity?", which took up the question of the adequate financing of a well balanced student activity program, Claire Andrews attended another discussion of the "Evaluation of a Teacher-Training Program".

Among the other panels attended by the delegates were:

"What areas of subject matter should be included in the general education or cultural background areas of the college curriculum?"

"What guiding principles should be established in assuring a well balanced extra-curricular program?"

COMMUTING MEN, WOMEN NOMINATE

At a meeting last week of the commuters nominations were made by the respective boards for the coming year. The commuting men nominated Phil McGuirk and Joe Lonergan for president.

For Senior class representative George Kalil and Clyde Wilson were nominated. Junior nominees are Bill Cove and Frank Romano. Sophomore nominees are Don Flathers and Bob Resnick.

Pre-election speeches are being made daily by the candidates, who promise to make the college "safe for democracy".

The Commuting Women nominated Madeline Viner and Gertrude Hermanson for president. The class representative nominees are: Senior—Joan Rice and Helene Hill; Junior—"Kit" Carsen and Margie Killelea; Sophomore—Marilyn MacLean and Dot Ryan.

'Pirates of Penzance'

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then tender, but always melodious style Sullivan used in composing.

The Glee Club has toiled for months, first learning the music, then the action of the plot. Now they are anticipating eagerly the donning of the colorful costumes of the operetta and living their roles for a night. Miss Curry has been a cheerful director, but one demanding of the best in each member of the cast. The Glee Club and Miss Curry have worked hard to make this production one of which the college will be justly proud.

Edith, Kate, and Isabel, three of Major-General Stanley's numerous daughters, will be played by Claire Andrews, Frances Merritt, and Dorothy

NOMINATIONS MADE FOR PALMER HALL BOARD

William Burns, William Kon-savage, and Shirley Perry were nominated for the presidency of the Palmer Hall Board for next year, at a house meeting held Monday noon.

At this meeting, also, board members were nominated. Howard Ide, John Gemma, and Roger Pauze were nominated for the position of Senior representative; John Labenski and Edward Ruby, for Junior representative; and Chester Gurney and Gardner Sherman for Sophomore representative.

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college," be properly sympathetic. The poor fellow has been sadly living his life under the delusion that if anything happens to him, there's something wrong with it. But do not share his sentiments; a disinterested comparison will show us that Fitchburg is a teachers college of high professional merit.

Astronomy Club

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up plans for its constitution. The Society, under the leadership of Ralph Evans, aims to build up a cultural background of astronomical information for use in further research on the frontiers of this science.

The Society proposes, in the first stages of its life to visit nearby places that are engaged in the work of astronomy. Plans for building a reflecting telescope and other such projects are also in order.

Harris, respectively. Ralph Gray, treasurer and business manager of the Glee Club, will be seen as the badly-harrassed Sergeant of Police, while T. Richard Kelliher is to play the part of Samuel, a Pirate Lieutenant.